

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

**SONJA LYNN PERRAULT,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**No. CIV-16-0243 LAM**

**NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting Commissioner  
of the Social Security Administration,**

**Defendant.**

**ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES  
UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on Plaintiff's *Unopposed Motion for Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act* (Doc. 24), filed on March 30, 2017, wherein Plaintiff asks for an award of **\$6,000.00** in attorney fees and **\$400.00** in costs. Having considered the motion, the record in this case, and relevant law, the Court **FINDS** that the motion shall be **GRANTED**.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Plaintiff's *Unopposed Motion for Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act* (Doc. 32) is **GRANTED**, and Plaintiff is authorized to receive **\$6,000.00** in attorney fees and **\$400.00** in costs for payment to Plaintiff's attorney for services before this Court, as permitted by the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and in accordance with *Manning v. Astrue*, 510 F.3d 1246, 1255 (10th Cir. 2007).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if Plaintiff's counsel is ultimately granted attorney fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) of the Social Security Act, Plaintiff's attorney shall refund

the smaller award to Plaintiff pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 596 n.4 (2010) (explaining that, if a claimant's counsel is ultimately granted attorney fees under § 406(b) out of the claimant's benefit award, the claimant's attorney must refund to the claimant the amount of the smaller fee).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
**LOURDES A. MARTÍNEZ**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**  
**Presiding by Consent**